

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 21 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. New claims 23-46 have been added. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-17, 20, 21, and 23-46 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-17, and 20 contain allowable subject matter and has allowed the foregoing claims.

Claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 21 and the specification have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 101, and as such claim 21 is believed to be allowable.

New claims 23-34 depend from claim 20 and recite systems for carrying out the methods of allowed claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10-17, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that claims 23-34 are also allowable.

New claims 35-46 depend from claim 21 and recite computer program products comprising computer instructions for carrying out the methods of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10-17, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that claims 35-46 are also allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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